of farmers/growers, partnership/Proprietary firms, Non-Government Organisations, Self Help Groups, Companies, Corporations Cooperatives, Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees. Marketing Boards and Agro Processing Corporations in the entire country.

The National Horticulture Board (NHB), is implementing the scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy for construction/expansion/ modernisation of cold storage/Storages for Horticultural Produce. Under this scheme, the promoter of cold storage is eligible for 25% subsidy subject to a ceiling of Rs. 50 lakhs and subsidy @33.33% of the project cost upto a ceiling of Rs. 60 lakhs per project for North Eastern States.

The Government is also providing assistance for horticulture crops to the farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Macro Management Scheme @50% of cost for small and marginal, SC & ST and Women farmers and 35% of the cost of other category of farmers for taking up drip irrigation.

Wheat to Afghanistan

1320. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat sent to Afghanistan;

(b) what is the quantity of wheat yet to be sent; and

(c) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has declared that Indian wheat sent to Afghanistan was not infected, as alleged by Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) No wheat has been supplied to Afganistan so far. However, the Govt. has committed to offer humanitarian assistance including provision of 10 lakh metric tonnes of wheat to internally and externally displaced, Afghans. The Government is in touch with various UN agencies including the World Food Programme, to work out the modalities for sending the above assistance.

(c) Question does not arise, Sir.

Livestock population *vis-a-vis* fodder availability

1321. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the population of livestock in the country, State-wise, and per capita availability of fodder; and